

Stablehand

Stablehands assist with maintaining and cleaning stables and handling horses.

Stablehands may perform the following tasks:

- brush and groom, feed, handle and exercise horses, and lead them to their stables
- check horses for lameness, common injuries, ailments and infections
- give first aid, medication or other treatment to horses
- clean and maintain stables and training equipment
- accompany horses to registered race meetings, gymkhanas and equestrian events
- exercise horses during track work or equestrian activities.

Specialisations:

Stud Groom

A stud groom assists in coordinating horse breeding activities, including selecting horses for mating and assisting with breeding and foaling procedures.

Stablehands start work early in the morning and may be required to work on weekends and public holidays. The work must be done in all kinds of weather. Long hours are usually involved.

Personal Requirements:

- good health
- capable of hard physical work
- genuine interest in horses and their care.



Related Jobs:

Farm Hand

Education and Training, Employment Opportunities and Additional Information

Education and Training:

To become a stablehand you usually have to complete a traineeship in Racing (Stablehand). Entry requirements may vary, but employers generally require Year 10. Ask your career adviser about the possibility of starting some of this training in school.

Additional Information:

Once you are employed, you may be able to develop, and have recognised, additional skills under the Racing Training Package that will expand your career opportunities within this industry.

Related Courses:

While the following courses are related to this occupation, they may not necessarily lead directly to employment, nor provide the most direct pathway to the occupation. Courses

which provide preliminary or informal training, as well as those which provide additional job skills following initial qualifications may also be listed.

*Course is offered by more than one institution. Click link for details.

- Certificate I in Racing - Stablehand *
- Certificate II in Equine Studies *
- Certificate II in Racing - Stablehand *
- Certificate III in Horse Breeding *
- Certificate III in Horse Industry Practice - Performance Horse
- Certificate III in Racing - Advanced Stablehand *
- Certificate III in Racing Services - Track Maintenance
- Diploma of Horse Breeding - Stud Management *

Employment Opportunities:

Stablehands are employed in breeding, racing, trotting or riding stables, agistment (feeding) centres or farms. Some live-in jobs are available in both city and country areas. Due to the low wages, this occupation has a high turnover of staff, which results in a steady replacement demand.

To become a stablehand you do not need to ride and can be of heavier build than a jockey.

With experience, and sometimes further training, a stablehand may progress to stable supervisor or stud manager. Some stablehands who show potential and are light in weight may become apprentice jockeys. There are also opportunities for self-employment as a horse trainer/breeder.

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